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From the Desk of the President



INDIVIDUALITY, LIBERTY, PROPERTY — THIS IS MAN

In spite of the cunning of artful political leaders, these three gifts from God precede all human legislation, and are superior to it.

This afternoon (Wed., Sept. 25, 1974) I attended a meeting where Governor Gilligan spoke on health care. I believe his speech was definitely anti-doctor and anti-medicine. He opened his address with a list of statistics which were most misleading, without proper break-down or analysis. He spoke of the spiraling cost of the health care dollar, which I am sure, he could not define, does not understand and does not know all that it encompasses. Later in his talk he outlined broad medicine programs that emphasize children and the elderly which would cost 10's of millions of dollars and not skyrocket the cost of medical care but send them into outer space.

Thus I believe him to be contradicting himself. He spoke of doing so much at the cost of millions of dollars and had the audacity to also state he could do this without an increase in taxes! One of the most blatant misconstrued statements was that an M.D. degree was a ticket to a \$2,000,000 income. This is somewhat high, a more realistic figure of an average income of \$42,000 for 30 years would only yield approximately 1¼ million—i.e. life time. There are many crafts workers, politicians, union leaders and others whose income would be between 1½ - 2 million—he did not even mention these. He did not mention the rate of taxation of doctors income nor the politicians role in producing inflation that erodes the income of all Americans. It should be noted that within one week after his speech, it was announced the Governor would receive beginning in 1975, a 25% increase in salary—from \$40,000 to \$50,000—and everyone knows that the cause of inflation is excess government spending.

There was inadequate time for a good exchange of questions before he abruptly left for a T.V. interview in the next room for 20-30 minutes.

Of approximately 6 questions, 3 came from doctors—your president and Dr. Paul Mahar, Dr. James Fulks and a 4th from Mrs. Ed. Pichette. The answers were not adequate nor direct but rather evasive.

It appears that the Governor is for more and more government intervention and control of medicine. This would include education, distribution, control and even over-production of doctors in the state of Ohio.

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Editorial

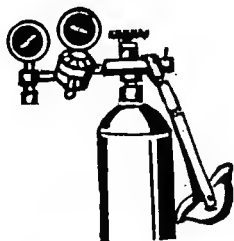
STOP KIDDING YOURSELF ABOUT P.S.R.O.

The above was the title of an article of an interview with Senator Bennett in the September issue of Medical Economics. One of the questions asked was "what do you believe will happen if individual doctors refuse to take part and some medical societies fail to cooperate as some have indicated they'll do?" Answer from Senator Bennett: "Noncompliance is a lost cause. As I've suggested, all it can achieve is bring about what critics of P.S.R.O. say they fear the most. The only alternatives to peer review by practicing physicians are systems that doctors would find distasteful. The secretary of H.E.W. is required by law to see that the reviewing is done. If practicing physicians in any area won't do it, he could enlist medical school faculty members as reviewers or turn the responsibility over to public health service agencies. The choice is clear: Comply and be reviewed by your colleagues and review them when your turn comes, or have review done by outsiders. It's obvious that the threat to professional freedom lies with noncompliance rather than compliance."

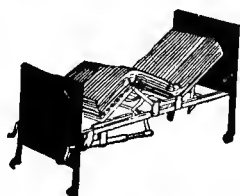
If you note Senator Bennett tells us what will happen to us if we do not comply. However, he does not give us reassurance that the same thing will not happen to us if we do comply. A case in point is that the same threat was made against the British Medical Association and the final outcome was still stiff governmental intervention.

—Louis Bloomberg, M.D.
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

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He advocates that 90% of all positions in Ohio medical schools be reserved for Ohio residents. I think this would be a disaster. This would bring immediate reciprocity from other states and Ohioans would have a minimal chance of attending school elsewhere. He said that 50% of Ohio Medical School graduates are leaving the state. He did not mention how many doctors came from out-of-state to practice in Ohio who did not cost Ohio taxpayers one cent to educate. I question the wisdom of such a program. The approval of such a program would create a medical barrier for our student citizens.

He pointed out that the majority of physicians are concentrated in several counties: Cuyahoga, Hamilton and Franklin. He failed to point out that the majority of the population of the State of Ohio lives in these same counties and therefore that is where the doctors should be to practice medicine. The Governor further implied some method of distribution of doctors throughout the state with pressure, and other means by the government. If in a communistic and socialistic country even distribution cannot be attained, how is this possible in a democratic society?

He has a state government program to help everybody and everything—each of which will command a massive bureaucracy, inefficiency, excess spending, more taxation, involuntary servitude, violations of civil rights and more and more socialism with less freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The speech was bad for medicine and with the implementation of his Task Force ideas, expensive programs and duplication which he supposedly protests, the quality of care would decrease.

The Governor's attention should be directed to inflation and not health care. During his administration, he added 9,000 people to the state payroll at a cost of approximately \$95,000,000 per year! This amounts to nearly 20% of the total revenues from the state income tax. The income tax was devised primarily for education.

How large and how much would the cost be for another bureaucracy for state controlled medicine?

The cost of health care has risen in direct proportion to the involvement of both federal and state governments during the past 25 years.

—John C. Melnick, M.D.
President

6TH DISTRICT PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE

A committee to study peer review has been formed in the Sixth District of the Ohio State Medical Association by the councilor, Dr. Ed Pichette. This has been done in compliance with the Ohio State Medical Association resolution which states:

RESOLVED: That OSMA advise the members of each component medical society to develop a uniform, effective, efficient Peer Review system for all patients.

The purpose of the Sixth District committee will be to develop guidelines for non-government peer review for the individual county medical society committees and to coordinate the work of the individual committees to the extent that it is desirable.

Representing the county medical societies on the Sixth District committee are: (Columbiana) Dr. John Madison, (Mahoning) Dr. James Anderson, (Portage) Dr. Michael Sheehan, (Stark) Dr. Joseph Yut and (Trumbull) Dr. C. M. Venetta. Representing the osteopathic medical associations are Dr. Frank Veres and Dr. Douglas M. Goldsmith.

The Sixth District Committee is now meeting on a regular basis and encouraging the county committees to do the same.

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SEN. ARONOFF TO SPEAK ON NOV. 19



Sen. Aronoff

Stanley J. Aronoff (R-Cincinnati), Senator in the Ohio State Legislature, and widely known for his strong stand against the invasion of privacy by government agencies, will address the Nov. 19th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the Youngstown Club. He will speak on the confidentiality of medical records.

Sen. Aronoff is a graduate of Harvard Law School, has served three terms in the Ohio House of Representatives and three terms in the Ohio State Senate. He is chairman of the Financial Institutions, Insurance and Elections Committee and chairman of the Vocational Education Commission and a member of the Finance Committee, Rules Committee, State Building Authority Committee, and Interstate Cooperation Committee. He is also a member of the Secretary of HEW's Advisory Committee on Invasion of Privacy. He is a member of the Cincinnati, Ohio and Federal Bar Associations.

Members and wives are invited. Reservations may be made at the Medical Society office. Dinner will be \$6.50 per person. Dinner will be served at 6:30, and this will be preceded by a social hour. Arrangements for Sen. Aronoff to speak were made by Dr. C. Conner White, program chairman. Dr. Melnick, president, will preside.

BIG O SAYS NO TO PSRO

The Ohio State Medical Association is committed to non-involvement in P.S.R.O.s, and, although individual members and individual county medical societies may do as they choose, the advice from the State Association in regard to Region Six Peer Review Corporation, a federally funded P.S.R.O. in the early planning stages, is clearly stated in the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Ohio State Medical Association advise its members not to involve themselves in the implementation of any form of government controlled peer review as exemplified by the professional standards review section of P.L. 92-603.

At a recent meeting of delegates, officers and representatives of the county medical societies of the Sixth District, held at Congress Lake, the Sixth District adopted a resolution paralleling the Ohio State Medical Association resolution, and recommended non-involvement in Region Six Peer Review Corporation to physicians in the Sixth District.

PEER REVIEW STUDY COMMITTEE NAMED

Termed by president Dr. John Melnick as "possibly the most important committee in the Mahoning County Medical Society," the ad hoc peer review study committee, chaired by Dr. Jim Anderson, began a series of work meetings in October.

The committee was formed at the direction of the Ohio State Medical Association, whose House of Delegates advised "each component society to develop a uniform, effective, efficient Peer Review System for all patients."

Committee co-chairman is Dr. Tony Deramo. Members are: Drs. G. R. Barton, B. P. Brucoli, K. E. Camp, S. W. Chiasson, C. A. Crans, J. Dentscheff, G. H. Dietz, H. S. Ellison, F. A. Friedrich, H. Holden, P. L. Jones, P. J. Mahar, Jr., J. E. Might, J. V. Newsome, G. J. Nigam, E. Perry, J. Politi, and J. A. Ruiz.

In Memoriam

FREDERICK S. COOMBS, JR., M.D. 1907 - 1974

Dr. Frederick S. Coombs, Jr., internist, died of an aortic aneurysm on Sunday, Oct. 6, at North Side Hospital. He was 67.

Dr. Coombs was born in Youngstown, where he attended Elm St. School and the Rayen School. He received his A.B. degree at the University of Illinois and his M.D. at Western Reserve University in 1933. He did graduate work at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. He interned and was a resident at Youngstown Hospital Association. His office was always in the Home Savings and Loan Bldg., although not always the same suite.

During World War II, he was a lieutenant colonel in the Army Air Force, serving at Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin.

He took a great interest in Youngstown civic affairs and for a number of years was a leader in the Community Chest and the United Appeal annual subscription drives. His years of volunteer efforts on behalf of the area's Boy Scouts brought him the coveted Silver Beaver award in 1966. At one time he also served as doctor at the YMCA's Camp Fitch.

He was chairman of the Eastern Area Committee of the Northeast Ohio Regional Medical Program which developed the current MASHEN. He was at one time president of the Medical Service Foundation, which later became the Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation.

He was a past-president of the Torch Club, a member of Elks Lodge 55 and an Elder of First Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the American College of Physicians, chairman of the Intern Committee at Youngstown Hospital Association, former chairman of the Medical Executive Committee and director of the endocrinology and metabolic services at the hospital. Always interested in medical education, he chaired many committees for lectures and training programs.

Youngstown born and bred, Dr. Coombs served his home town well as both a physician and as a civic-minded citizen. He was known and respected for the firm stands that he took for what he believed was right in medical matters. Youngstown can be proud of its native son who returned all that he received with interest. His patients, his friends and his colleagues mourn the passing of a fine physician.

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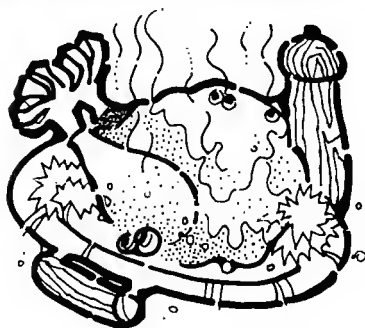
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(Above) One of the winners receives her door-prize from Dr. White chairman. (Left) John Gillespie sings an Elvis Presley tune to Nina LaBarbera, president of the Medical Assistants Society.

All the girls were there (see cover)! It was the annual dinner given by the doctors for their nurses, secretaries, technicians, receptionists and others working in the office. Attendance was 293. As our president said, "If we could only get a turn-out like this at a Medical Society meeting!"

It was a real bash. Steak dinner, shrimp, open bar, dinner music, favors for every girl, entertainment. In addition, 90 girls went home with a memento in the form of a door prize or floral arrangement.

The entertainment was provided by a talented local group headed by John Gillespie, sales representative for Argo Medical Supply Co. and the Burrows Co. This included Ron Gority, Jean White, Atty. Edward Cox, Bernadette Nolfi, Linda Welsch and Carol Guglielm. They presented a fast-paced musical show with the proper mixture of show tunes, nostalgia and current pop numbers to appeal to all tastes—and it did!

The guests were welcomed by Dr. John Melnick, president. Nina LaBarbera, president of the Medical Assistants Society, responded for the girls. Special guest was Dr. Rashid Abdu, president-elect. Dr. C. Conner White, program chairman, was in charge of the affair and acted as master of ceremonies.

A good time was had by all.

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Dr. Henderson is a 1956 graduate of the Stanford University School of Medicine. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and a Diplomate of the Subspecialty of Medical Oncology. He has written or co-authored 95 medical papers. As an invited lecturer, he has traveled all over the world.

His basic topic will be "Diagnosis, Management and Treatment of Adult Acute Leukemia." Arrangements for the lecture have been made by Dr. Lawrence M. Pass.



Edward S. Henderson, M.D.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL Oct. 8, 1974

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1974, at the Youngstown Club.

The following applications were presented by the censors:

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	Raymond W. Jackson, M.D.	Gerald S. Sevachko, M.D.
		J. P. Shah, M.D.

All applicants were approved. The applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society 15 days after publication in the Bulletin, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

Dr. Tandatnick, reporting for the Government Medical Care Committee on the Ohio Department of Health Hemophilia Program stated that letters from the State Health Department have gone out to all physicians and it is up to the individual physician to take such action as he desires in reporting hemophiliacs. He suggested that area hospitals might contact individual physicians about hemophiliacs treated in their institutions and remind them of the Department of Health program.

A letter was read from Charles W. Bates, Director, Ohio Department of Public Welfare in which he criticized the Mahoning County Medical Society stand in regard to the Department's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program. A letter will be sent to Mr. Bates stating that we are sorry that he misinterpreted our comments, along with a restatement and explanation of what is required for good health care for children.

Dr. White, program chairman, announced that Sen. Stanley J. Aronoff, Cincinnati, would be the speaker at the Nov. 19th meeting, and that Dr. Pichette, would make a Sixth District councilor's report at the Dec. 17th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society. He reported on the success of the Medical Assistants Dinner and suggested that the same entertainment be procured for the Installation Banquet, Jan. 21, 1975. This met with approval of council.

Dr. Melnick announced some reorganization of the Indoctrination Committee and the hope that an indoctrination meeting could be held yet this year.

Dr. Mahar invited council members to cross the hall after the end of council meeting and sit in on a meeting of members of the Council of Medical Staffs to hear Dr. Ollier speak.

Dr. Melnick noted that a tape of Gov. Gilligan's speech in Youngstown had been played to council members during dinner prior to tonight's meeting.

Dr. Melnick asked that council meeting date be changed in December due to a conflict with a Youngstown Hospital staff meeting. Council agreed to meet one day later, which would be Wednesday, Dec. 7th.

Meeting was adjourned.

Howard Rempes
Executive Secretary

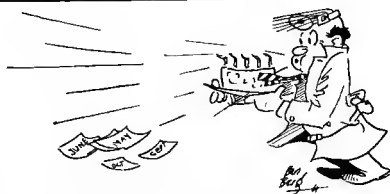
DENTISTS EXTEND CHRISTMAS INVITATION

The Corydon Palmer Dental Society extends a cordial invitation to every member of the Mahoning County Medical Society to join its members for the annual Christmas Ball, Saturday, Dec. 7th at Cherry's Top O' the Mall.

The affair is black tie, with dinner being served at 7:30 p.m. preceded by a social hour beginning at 6:30. Following dinner there will be entertainment and dancing.

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Enteric-coated potassium salts may cause small bowel stenosis with or without ulceration. Hyperkalemia (>5.4 mEq/L) has been reported in 4% of patients under 60 years, in 12% of patients over 60 years, and in less than 8% of patients overall. Rarely, cases have been associated with cardiac irregularities. Accordingly, **check serum potassium during therapy, particularly in patients with suspected or confirmed renal insufficiency (e.g., elderly or diabetics). If hyperkalemia develops, substitute a thiazide alone. If spironolactone is used concomitantly with 'Dyazide', check serum potassium frequently**—both can cause potassium retention and sometimes hyperkalemia. Two deaths have been reported in patients on such combined therapy (in one, recommended dosage was exceeded; in the other, serum electrolytes were not properly monitored). Observe patients on 'Dyazide' regularly for possible blood dyscrasias, liver damage or other idiosyncratic reactions. Blood dyscrasias have been reported in patients receiving Dyrenium (triamterene, SK&F). Rarely, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, agranulocytosis, and aplastic anemia have been reported with the thiazides. Watch for signs of impending coma in acutely ill cirrhotics. Thiazides are reported to cross the placental barrier and appear in breast milk. This may result in fetal or neonatal hyperbilirubinemia, thrombocytopenia, altered carbohydrate metabolism and possibly other adverse reactions that have occurred in the adult. When used during pregnancy or in women who might bear children, weigh potential benefits against possible hazards to fetus.

Precautions: Do periodic serum electrolyte and BUN determinations. Do periodic hematologic studies in cirrhotics with splenomegaly. Antihypertensive effects may be enhanced in postsympathectomy patients. The following may occur: hyperuricemia and gout, reversible nitrogen retention, decreasing alkali reserve with possible metabolic acidosis, hyperglycemia and glycosuria (diabetic insulin requirements may be altered), digitalis intoxication (in hypokalemia). Use cautiously in surgical patients. Concomitant use with antihypertensive agents may result in an additive hypotensive effect.

Adverse Reactions: Muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, headache, dry mouth; anaphylaxis; rash, urticaria, photosensitivity, purpura, other dermatological conditions; nausea and vomiting (may indicate electrolyte imbalance), diarrhea, constipation, other gastrointestinal disturbances. Rarely, necrotizing vasculitis, paresthesias, icterus, pancreatitis, and xanthopsia have occurred with thiazides alone.

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*E.D. Freis: The Modern Management of Hypertension, V.A. Information Bulletin, 11-35.

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